

# MARR AREA partnership

*NEWSLETTER November 2010*

Working with the diverse communities of Marr to encourage and enable the sustainable development of their economic, environmental and social future.



Welcome to our November newsletter.

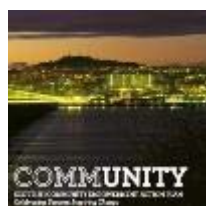
# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

## Engaging the future ...



**SURF**  
Scotland's Independent Regeneration Network

SURF is Scotland's independent regeneration network. Its overall objective is to improve the health and wellbeing of residents in Scotland's disadvantaged communities. The SURF network is the primary arena for independent debate on community regeneration in Scotland. Through its close links to national and local government, SURF acts as a constructive channel for information, consultation and policy proposals, based on the knowledge and experience of its extensive membership and its wider connections. <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/index.asp>



The Community Empowerment Action Plan, jointly developed with COSLA and colleagues in the third sector and announced in March 2009, encourages people in both rural and urban areas to participate in the running of their neighbourhoods. The action plan provides clarity on what community empowerment is, why it is important and how communities can get involved. A range of best practice examples from across Scotland are set out, providing information and inspiration for people who want to have a say in the decisions affecting their communities.

There is also information on the variety of grants that are accessible to community groups, providing potential investment of around £180 million from a range of government sources.

<http://scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/engage/empowerment>

**consense** Consense helps you reach a broader audience and engage more supporters in your plans. Specialising in online consultation, its innovative systems help you involve more of the community in your proposals in an accessible, interactive and auditable way. And it works - whilst its system encourages all sides of the debate to get involved, the majority of its online consultations run in support of its clients' proposals. It helps a range of companies run wide-reaching, successful community consultation. <http://www.consense.co.uk/>



The Community Development Alliance Scotland is an independent network of national organisations that have the promotion of community development as part of their goals.

<http://www.communitydevelopmentalliancescotland.org/>

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# COMMUNITY GRANTS & FUNDING ADVICE

## Resourcing for the future ...



SEPA are offering grants to community organisations for projects which benefit the local water environment (rivers, streams, burns, lochs, wetland and coastal areas). Two funds are available: grants of less than £10k are considered on a rolling programme basis while the next deadline for grants above £10k will be 8 January 2011.

[http://www.sepa.org.uk/about\\_us/news/2010/water\\_restoration\\_fund.aspx](http://www.sepa.org.uk/about_us/news/2010/water_restoration_fund.aspx)



The Foundation's Community Grants programme offers one-off awards of between £250 and £5,000 to charities and community groups across Scotland. <http://www.scottishcf.org/strengthening-communities/apply-for-a-grant/scotland-wide-grant-programmes/>



Paths for All are delighted to launch the new Local People: Local Paths Small Grants for Groups scheme. This time limited scheme has been provided to assist local path groups and community councils across Scotland make a difference to path networks within their area. Groups can apply for up to £1,000 to help establish a path group, purchase basic tools, create promotional material for path networks or anything else that will make a positive difference to local paths. Applications must be received by 30th November 2010. <http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/>



Everyclick is a technology company that has created more ways to give to all 200,000 UK charities. Everyclick users can Give as you Live, make donations online, build fundraising pages and create fundraising groups. Give as you Live lets you raise funds for free as you search the web, shop online and trade on eBay. It is powered by Yahoo, eBay and a wide range of leading shopping partners. Once you have signed up it can track all of your giving. <http://www.everyclick.com/>

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# COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

## Protecting the future ...



Energy Action Scotland is the national charity which aims to eliminate fuel poverty by raising awareness of fuel poverty, particularly as it affects low income households.  
<http://www.eas.org.uk/>



We hear about climate change on TV and in the newspapers, but have you thought about how it could actually affect you? The Shared Energy Toolkit is designed to help community organisations get staff, volunteers, trustees and clients talking about climate change.

<http://www.neweconomics.org/publications/shared-energy-toolkit#download-buy>



Ecotricity is an electricity company with a difference – it is dedicated to changing the way electricity is made. It takes the money its customers spend on electricity and invest it in clean forms of power like wind energy. What's more, it is the only green electricity company actually building these new renewable energy sources. In 2007 alone it invested £25 million in wind energy. Ecotricity is launching a brand new initiative called Microtricity, which is a tariff through which it will pay you for every unit of electricity you generate at home. <http://www.ecotricity.co.uk/for-your-home/microtricity>



Envirowise offers free, independent support to your organisation helping you to become more resource efficient and save money. Since 1994, Envirowise has helped UK industry save more than £1 billion by reducing waste early on in their organisation processes. It also offers advice on managing unavoidable waste and working with your suppliers to maximise gains from beginning to end. You can explore its website, use its Advice Line and register to access its publications, online tools and events to find out more. <http://www.envirowise-scotland.org.uk/scotland/Envirowise-in-Scotland.html>

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# STRATEGIC PLANS

## Planning for the future ...



The Scottish Government has published a consultation document setting out their proposals for Scotland's Land Use Strategy. The current consultation document looks at what Scotland's land provides and needs to deliver before going on to consider three themes: successful land-based businesses in a low-carbon economy; flourishing natural environments benefiting our lives and vibrant communities connected to the land. You can download the consultation document from the website and responses need to be submitted by December 17th, 2010.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/09/23100015/0>



NHS Grampian would like your views on its draft strategy for maternity services. A consultation exercise is running from 11 October to 22 November 2010, with a formal report being made to the NHS Board at its December meeting. The vision of the strategy is one where all maternity related services and communities work closely together to support women and families give their children the best possible start in life. The draft strategy outlines: how it will all support more women and families to choose healthier lifestyles, have safer births, healthier babies and nurture their

children; the improvements needed to make this happen; and the challenges which need to be met to deliver these changes.

[http://www.nhsgrampian.org/nhsgrampian/gra\\_display\\_simple\\_index.jsp;jsessionid=D2B10447929998F0CA2401E59B1C1D7C?pContentID=7171&p\\_applic=CCC&p\\_service=Content.show&](http://www.nhsgrampian.org/nhsgrampian/gra_display_simple_index.jsp;jsessionid=D2B10447929998F0CA2401E59B1C1D7C?pContentID=7171&p_applic=CCC&p_service=Content.show&)



The Aberdeenshire Council, Education, Learning and Leisure has been reviewing our early years service. This process started in 2008 with a range of consultations with early years stakeholders. The report of the review was presented to

Education, Learning and Leisure committee in February 2009 and the recommendations of the report were subsequently approved by the committee.

[http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/parents/carers/pre\\_school/Early\\_Years\\_Review.asp](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/parents/carers/pre_school/Early_Years_Review.asp)



A new five-year Sustainable Tourism Strategy and Action Plan is currently being developed for the Cairngorms National Park which will help deliver the strategic priority of 'Providing a strategic framework for the Park'. Delivery of the Action Plan, by a wide range of partners, is focused on agreed priorities to create a world class National Park. The Strategy also ensures that the Cairngorms National Park meets the requirements of the Europarc Federation Charter for Sustainable

Tourism in Protected Areas and will feed directly into the next National Park Plan. The Strategy is out for consultation from Monday 25 October to Friday 3 December 2010.

<http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/cnpaservices/consultations/>

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# COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

## People for the future ...



Every day there are thousands of people across Aberdeenshire making a difference in all sorts of ways, but they don't get paid. They are volunteers! Volunteering is all about giving up some of your time and using your energy, ideas and enthusiasm to make a positive change. The benefits can be to individuals, organisations, your community, the environment, society as a whole and *also to you*. If you have access to the internet (also available free at most libraries), a key tool for helping you find a volunteering role is the Volunteer Scotland website - [www.volunteerscotland.org.uk](http://www.volunteerscotland.org.uk). It holds information about thousands of volunteering opportunities across Scotland. If you are you aged 16-25 years, you can also get some recognition for your volunteering efforts. The MV Awards are endorsed by the Scottish Government, with award certificates given at 50 and 100 hours, and an Award of Excellence given for 200 hours of volunteering. Volunteering can give you invaluable experience, and help build your skills and confidence. <http://www.vcaberdeenshire.org.uk/>



In its regular programme of Funding Briefing Days the following full-day workshops are offered this autumn. Topics include Introduction to Fundraising, Introduction to Charitable Trusts and Foundations, Introduction to Working with Corporates, and Introduction to Business Planning. <http://www.aberdeencn.info/Events/ACVOFundingDay.asp>



As people become older many can, unfortunately, experience isolation and loneliness, perhaps as a result of bereavement, loss of mobility, illness or family migration. This in turn can lead to loss of confidence, depression and general poor health which ultimately may contribute to older people leaving their home and moving into residential accommodation. K & D Befriending is a local registered charity which aims to reduce social isolation and loneliness in older people throughout the Kincardine and Deeside area by matching them on a one to one basis with a volunteer befriender. A regular visit from a befriender can provide companionship, practical and emotional support, and generally improve physical and mental wellbeing. [http://www.kdbefriending.org.uk/p\\_Home.ikml](http://www.kdbefriending.org.uk/p_Home.ikml)



Be *there*  
Be a volunteer

TimeBank is a national volunteering charity that supports individuals and businesses to find rewarding volunteering. It also designs its own projects that give volunteers the opportunity to have an impact in the community. <http://timebank.org.uk/>

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## RESEARCH, INFORMATION & IT

### Communications for the future ...



For social enterprises and community groups looking to create a quick and simple website at no cost, here's a solution. Google, Enterprise UK, BT, e-skills UK and various other partners have teamed up to help small businesses create their first website. Although their website doesn't specifically mention community groups, it has been checked with the staff and apparently it is fine for community organisations to use it as well. You get a free domain name and webspace for two years. <http://www.gbbo.co.uk/>



The Scottish Empty Homes Partnership exists to help councils and their partners pursue work to bring private sector empty homes back into use. The project is funded by the Scottish Government and housed by Shelter Scotland. The Scottish Empty Homes Partnership Advisory Group brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the project which will also draw on good practice and lessons learned from similar work in England and Wales. [http://scotland.shelter.org.uk/housing\\_issues/more\\_homes/empty\\_homes](http://scotland.shelter.org.uk/housing_issues/more_homes/empty_homes)



Transition Scotland Support is here to help you use the Transition model in whatever way makes most sense to you and your community. If you need some support, want to know what else is happening in Scotland, to share your stories, or just want a chat, do get in touch. <http://transitionscotland.org/tss>



The world's first National Park iPhone App has been launched in the Cairngorms National Park by one of the country's leading tourism and business organisations. The Visit Cairngorms app is the first in the world to give visitors to a National Park the opportunity to obtain free, up-to-date information on where to stay, what to do and where to eat and drink based on their location within the Park. Significantly it represents a real step towards being able to communicate directly with visitors when they are moving around the area. In addition, the app allows visitors to access information on events taking place in the UK's largest National Park. <http://visitcairngorms.com/iphone.html>

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## PILOT PROJECTS

### Testing for the future ...

#### Community Shares

The Community Shares action learning research project is examining the potential of community shares and bonds as a way to attract extra investment. On the website are the ten social enterprises who have been invited to test the idea, looking at barriers that could restrict their growth and how they can be overcome. <http://www.communityshares.org.uk/>



In partnership with Race Online 2012, Library Authorities across Scotland, Scottish Library and Information Council, Learning and Teaching Scotland, Community Learning & Development, Learning Link Scotland and the Post Office, the BBC is launching First Click, a major new media literacy campaign to encourage the estimated 9.2 million people in the UK who have never used the internet to take the first steps to get online. [http://www.bbc.co.uk/connect/campaigns/first\\_click.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/connect/campaigns/first_click.shtml)

#### *Tarland & Cromar Community Website*

The Tarland Welfare Trust (Reg. Charity SCO 08030) was formed in 1951 for the purpose of building, equipping and maintaining a new village hall in Tarland. The land and money to build the Hall were gifted to the community by Lady MacRobert (see MacRobert Trust) and hence its name. [http://www.tarland.org.uk/?MacRobert\\_Memorial\\_Hall\\_%26amp%3B\\_Welfare\\_Trust](http://www.tarland.org.uk/?MacRobert_Memorial_Hall_%26amp%3B_Welfare_Trust)



The Magpie Project is diverting 'waste' away from landfill sites and volunteers are on-site to ask members of the public not to throw their old but still valuable household items in a skip, but to donate them right there on the spot to the Boxroom so they can be sold or re-used. There is a container at the Crow's Nest Site to take goods for the Boxroom - this is available to put goods into even if volunteers

are not on site. <http://www.cvs.co.uk/magpie.htm>

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<http://www.scottishcf.org/strengthening-communities/apply-for-a-grant/scotland-wide-grant-programmes/>  
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<http://www.everyclick.com/>

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[http://www.tarland.org.uk/?MacRobert\\_Memorial\\_Hall\\_%26amp%3B\\_Welfare\\_Trust](http://www.tarland.org.uk/?MacRobert_Memorial_Hall_%26amp%3B_Welfare_Trust)  
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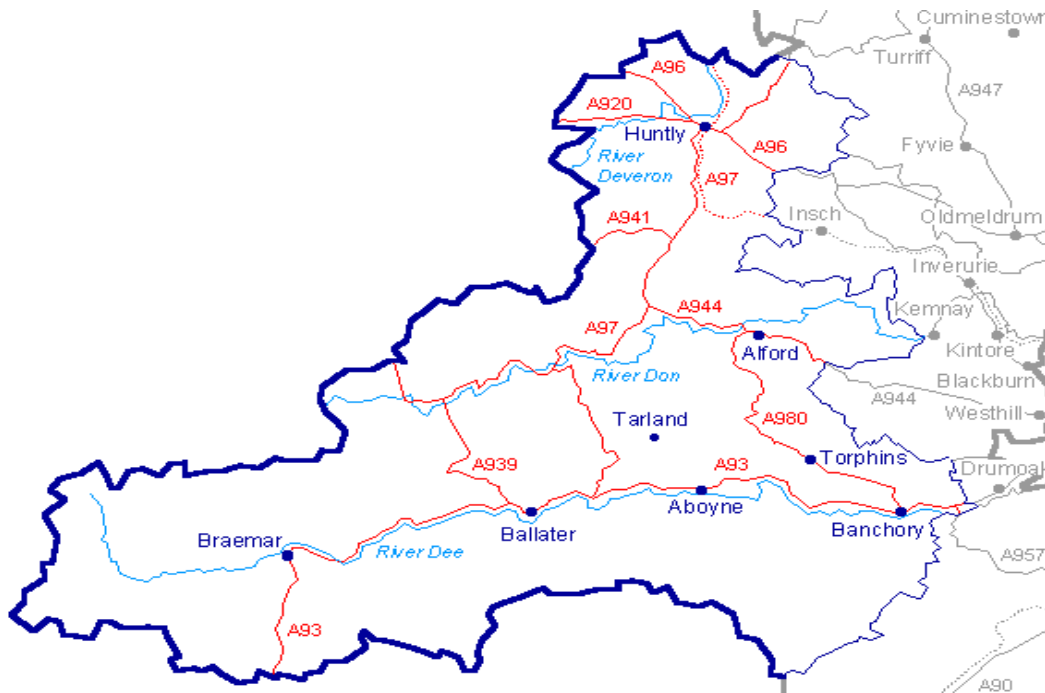
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# MARR AREA partnership

## The Marr Area



The Marr Area Partnership (MAP) operates in the largest of the six areas of Aberdeenshire.

Occupying 48% of the land mass but inhabited by just 15% of the population of Aberdeenshire, Marr offers many examples of rural and urban communities working to establish their individual ways ahead.

Within Marr, in addition to MAP, there are other partnerships covering specific local areas:

Royal Deeside Partnership (consisting of Mid Deeside Ltd, Ballater Royal Deeside and Braemar Tourism Group);  
Birse Community Trust;  
Banchory and District Initiative.

16 Community Councils operate in the area.

### **Marr Area Partnership operates throughout the area of Marr.**

The partnership is a recognised Local Rural Partnership by the Scottish Executive and consists of representatives from local communities, the voluntary and public sector and exists to promote an integrated approach to sustainable economic, social and environmental development in the area of Marr. Charity Number SC 031462.



The Management Committee of MAP:

Chair: John Lewis, Donside Community Council  
Les Allan, Representative of Aberdeenshire Council  
Cllr Rosemary Bruce, Aberdeenshire Council  
Alan Young, Council for Voluntary Service, Aberdeenshire Central & South  
Nicola Kenyon, Community Learning and Development  
Hilda Lumsden Gill, Huntly Community Council (Ward 14)  
Bell Macaulay, Ballater and Crathie Community Council (Ward 15)  
Donald Boyd, Huntly Development Trust  
Jean Henretty, Banchory and District Initiative  
Nigel Healey, Cromar Community Council

Staff:

Mike Powell, Development Officer  
Lizzy Shepherd, Development Officer  
Natasha Pawlukiewicz, Development Officer

Note:

For administrative purposes, the Marr area is separated into three geographical wards, Aberdeenshire's Ward numbers 14, 15 & 16.

Community Council representatives from these wards are invited to sit on MAP's Management Committee.

## COMMUNITY GROUP WEBSITES IN MARR



### Banchory Website

With a host of links to organisations and events in the area the site also encourages residents who have a good picture of life in Banchory to see it published in the photo gallery.

[www.banchory.org](http://www.banchory.org)



Click here to go to the Aberdeenshire Council website.

[www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk)



### Rural Community Gateway

The Rural Gateway website's funding area is regularly updated.

Click picture for latest funding news. [www.ruralgateway.org.uk](http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk)



### CVS Aberdeenshire – Central and South

CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South are one of 56 Council for Voluntary Services in Scotland. We exist to support and represent local voluntary sector groups and organisations by offering a range of services for both new and established groups. Click the picture to enter their website. This site also displays the MAP Newsletter. [www.cvsa.co.uk](http://www.cvsa.co.uk)



### Supporting Community Guidance.

- promote and seek support for partnership activities
- share good practice
- share good news stories at the local and national level
- access information on other members via our electronic directory.

[www.careerscotland.org.uk](http://www.careerscotland.org.uk)



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